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Subject: RE: Elbit Systems - Greens FOI
Date: Thursday, 7 December 2023 8:55:57 AM

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Hi [REDACTED]

Yes, we've seen the Michael West Media piece.

You are correct that MWM refers to an old and outdated exclusions list which is dated November 2021.

The current list of exclusions is available on the Future Fund's website and this is updated twice a year. The current list is dated April 2023 and is available [here](#).

The Board's ESG policy details its approach to exclusions from the portfolio. The Board excludes from the portfolio entities that contravene an international treaties or conventions that limit certain activities and that has been ratified by Australia.

To implement the policy the Agency draws on the research of expert third party service providers who monitor and assess the activities of relevant companies. A process is run every 6 months to review the exclusions and to add or remove any entities as appropriate, based on the research.

Through this process, and based on the assessment of our expert research providers, Elbit was previously excluded from the portfolio in relation to its involvement in cluster munitions following its acquisition of IMI (the acquisition is referred to in the MWM article).

As reflected in the April 2023 exclusions list, Elbit is no longer excluded from the portfolio. This reflects the updated research of our expert research providers.

To summarise this, I think key points might be:

- The Board has a long-standing policy on portfolio exclusions and a robust process to implement those exclusions.
- The application of that policy is reviewed twice a year with expert third party research used to assess whether additional exclusions are required under the Board's policy or whether excluded entities can be removed from the list based on changes in their activities.
- Recent media reporting refers to an outdated list of exclusions dated November 2021. The current list of excluded companies is dated April 2023 and is published on the Future Fund website.
- The Board does not invest in entities that are on its exclusions list.

Hope that helps.

Let me know if you need anything further.

Regards

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Morning ■

I'm sure you've been made aware of the reports today in relation to the Greens FOI request on FF investments in defence and weapons companies. There seems to be some new reporting about the investment in Elbit Systems – the Michael West Media report below suggests that Elbit Systems was on the FF exclusion list on the basis of military weapons-related conventions or treaties. There is a link to what appears to be an old FF exclusions list that includes Elbit Systems, but the exclusion list on FF website does not appear to have Elbit Systems listed.

Are you able to clarify this please – we need to consider updating our QTB as soon as possible, and before 930am this morning.

Thanks a lot!

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[Future Fund invested in Israeli company Elbit Systems - whose bombs are raining on the Palestinians - Michael West](#)
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Subject: new exclusions list for approval [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Raff, please find below the new exclusions list based on the application of the (revised) exclusions approach for your review & approval.

We will separately update the omnibus direction letters to our managers.

Future Fund Restrictions List (parent companies)	
Controversial weapons	Tobacco
China Aerospace Science and Technology Corp	22nd Century Group, Inc. (new)
China North Industries Group Corp	Altria Group Inc
Elbit Systems Ltd (new)	Asenovgrad Tabac AD v likvidatsiya (new)
Hanwha Corporation	British American Tobacco PLC
Larson & Toubro Ltd	Bulgartabak Holding AD
Motovilikha Plants JSC	CTO Public Company Ltd (new)
Poongsan Corp	Compania de Distribucion Integral Logista Holdings (new)
S&T Dynamics Co Ltd	Eastern Company S.A.E.
Textron Inc	Fabrika Duhana Sarajevo DD Sarajevo (new)
	Godfrey Phillips India Ltd.
	Golden Tobacco Ltd (new)
	Imperial Brands PLC
	ITC Limited
	Japan Tobacco Inc
	Jerusalem Cigarette Co Ltd (new)
	Karelia Tobacco Company Inc SA
	Khyber Tobacco Company Ltd (new)

	KT&G Corp
	NTC Industries Ltd (new)
	Philip Morris International Inc
	PT Gudang Garam Tbk
	Reynolds American Inc
	Scandinavian Tobacco Group A/S (new)
	Shanghai Industrial Holdings Limited
	Sila Holding PLC (new)
	Sinnar Bidi Udyog Ltd (new)
	Swedish Match AB
	Turning Point Brands, Inc. (new)
	Union Tobacco and Cigarette Industries Company (new)
	Vector Group Ltd
	VST Industries Ltd
	Wismilak Inti Makmur Tbk PT (new)

Kind regards,



Head of Investment Stewardship and ESG

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